

Template for Language for Proposed Zoning Amendment

The following are some examples of content and format to use in your zoning amendment language.

Template Example #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article (insert chapter name of zoning ordinance being amended) by amending (insert specific section being amended) to provide (insert topical description of the substance of the amendment)?

Add language that Planning Board either recommends the amendment or not, the record of vote is optional.

Example:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article XV, Enforcement and Miscellaneous Provisions, by amending §334-29 to provide for the award of attorney's fees to the Town for violations of the zoning ordinance?

Recommended by the Planning Board-Yes (5-0)

Template Example #2

****Optional-** Add the reason for the proposed amendment in a sentence or two. This will help voters understand why the ordinance is being changed.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the (town name here) Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To update the Official Zoning Map of the Town of XXXX to add the 50 acre lot known as Map 01, Lot 00, located off NH Rte. 75 currently zoned Residential (R) to the existing Industrial-Commercial (IC) zoning district that straddles NH Rte. 75 between the Spaulding Turnpike and NH Rte. 125, thereby enlarging said zoning district by 52.4 acres?

Recommended by the Planning Board- Yes (7-0)

Explanation- This initiative has been proposed because the Land Use & Economic Development Chapter of the XXXX Master Plan recommends expanding the Industrial Commercial zoning district that straddles NH Rte. 75 near Exit 17 of the Spaulding Turnpike

****PRACTICE POINTER**

Amendments submitted by the Selectmen/Councilmen and Petitioned Zoning Amendments **must** be in this language format and include if the planning board supports the proposed change.